

SENATE RESOLUTION 181

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James "Reece" Langley  
of Wartburg.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James "Reece" Langley; and

WHEREAS, Reece Langley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langley was born in the Joyner community near Wartburg, on October 20, 1927; he attended Oakdale High School and graduated from Coalfield High School; and

WHEREAS, he worked with the Atomic Energy Commission, now known as the United States Department of Energy (DOE), in Oak Ridge before entering military service; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Reece Langley honorably served in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after completing his military service, Mr. Langley again served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the United States Department of Energy, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he retired as the chief of the Property Management Branch of the Oak Ridge Operations in 1985; and

WHEREAS, he was also a member of the executive committee of the Republican Party of Morgan County, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason, and a member of the Black Diamond Masonic Lodge in Petros; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Mr. Langley was an active and devout member of Union Baptist Church and later Liberty Baptist Church, and he served both congregations faithfully for many years as a deacon and the music director; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Reece Langley will be fondly remembered by his loving wife of more than sixty-four years, Gladys Langley; his children, Wayne Langley, Marie Smithers, and Wendell Langley; his grandchildren, Amy Powell, Emily Raulston, Andrew Langley, Molly Starbird, and Shawn Langley; his great-grandchildren, Tori, Gabe, Noah, Liam, Jack, and soon-to-be-born James Langley; his sister, Eunice Langley Navas; and his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Raymond Jones, Peggy Langley, Betty Chapman, Zelma Bingham, Tom and Billie Bingham, and Marlene and Larry Goldston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langley was preceded in death by his parents, James H. and Edith Barger Langley; his father- and mother-in-law, Ellis and Marie Bingham; his siblings, Alma Langley Jones and Darrell Langley; and his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Phillip Navas, Ellis Bingham, Jr., William "Bill" Bingham, Russell Chapman, and Georgia and Roy Shelton; and

WHEREAS, Reece Langley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of James "Reece" Langley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.